

ORDINANCE
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLLEGE PARK, AMENDING
THE COLLEGE PARK CODE BY REPEALING CHAPTER 15, “BOARDS,
COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES”, ARTICLE IX, “RENT STABILIZATION
BOARD”, §§15-39 THROUGH 15-54, AND CHAPTER 127 “RENT STABILIZATION”,
§§127-1 THROUGH 127-13, IN THEIR ENTIRETY; AND BY REPEALING AN RE-
ENACTING CHAPTER 110, “FEES AND PENALTIES”, §110-1, “FEES AND
INTERESTS” AND §110-2, “PENALTIES”, TO DELETE THOSE SECTIONS THAT
COMPRISE THE RENT STABILIZATION LAW

WHEREAS, pursuant to §5-201 *et seq.* of the Local Government Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, the City of College Park (hereinafter, the “City”) has the power to adopt such ordinances as it deems necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the municipality and to prevent and remove nuisances; and

WHEREAS, the City adopted a Rent Stabilization law, a Rent Stabilization Board to administer the law, and has provided for a rent stabilization application fee and fines for violation of the law; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have determined that it is appropriate to allow the Rent Stabilization law to sunset on September 1, 2014; and

WHEREAS, as a result, Chapter 15, “Boards, Commissions and Committees”, §§15-39 through 15-54, which established the Rent Stabilization Board to administer the Rent Stabilization law and Chapter 127, “Rent Stabilization”, §§127-1 through 127-13, which established the Rent Stabilization law, should be deleted in their entirety as no longer necessary; and Chapter 110, “Fees and Penalties”, §110-1, “Fees and Interests” and §110-2, “Penalties” should be repealed and re-enacted to remove reference to application fees and violations of Chapter 127.

Section 1. NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED, by the Mayor and Council of the City of College Park, Maryland that Chapter 15, “Boards, Commissions and Committees”, Article IX, “Rent Stabilization Board”, §§15-39 through 15-54, be and are hereby repealed in their entirety.

Section 2. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED AND ENACTED, that Chapter 127, “Rent Stabilization”, and §§127-1 through 127-13, be, and are hereby repealed in their entirety.

Section 3. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED AND ENACTED, that Chapter 110, “Fees and Penalties”, §110-1, “Fees and interests”, be, and is hereby, repealed, reenacted and amended to read as follows:

§110-1 Fees and interests.

The following enumerations are the current fees, rates, charges and interests applicable in the City of College Park:

Chapter/Section	Description	Fee/Interest
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{Ch. 127, Rent Stabilization		
§ 127	Registration fee-	\$30
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§ 127	Fee for petitions for individual adjustments of rent ceilings-	\$30
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	Fee for appeal of Board decision to the Mayor and City Council-	\$30
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Section 4. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED AND ENACTED, that Chapter 110, “Fees and Penalties”, §110-2, “Penalties”, be, and is hereby repealed, reenacted and amended to read as follows:

§110-2 Penalties.

Unless otherwise noted herein, the violation of a City ordinance or resolution is a municipal infraction. The following fines and/or imprisonment for violations of various ordinances or resolutions are applicable in the City of College Park:

Chapter/Section	Violation	Penalty
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{Ch. 127, Rent Stabilization		
§ 127-4	Charging rent in excess of maximum rents allowed	\$500
§ 127-5	Failure to register rental units subject to Chapter 127	\$500
	Failure to pay registration fee	\$30 }
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Section 5. **BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** by the Mayor and Council of the City of College Park that, upon formal introduction of this proposed Ordinance, which shall be by way of a motion duly seconded and without any further vote, the City Clerk shall distribute a copy to each Council member and shall maintain a reasonable number of copies in the office of the City Clerk and shall publish this proposed ordinance or a fair summary thereof in a newspaper having a general circulation in the City of College Park together with a notice setting out the time and place for a public hearing thereon and for its consideration by the Council. The public hearing, hereby set for _____P.M. on the _____day of _____, 2014, shall follow the publication by at least seven (7) days, may be held separately or in connection with a regular or special Council meeting and may be adjourned from time to time. All persons interested shall have an opportunity to be heard. After the hearing, the Council may adopt the

proposed ordinance with or without amendments or reject it. As soon as practicable after adoption, the City Clerk shall have a fair summary of the Ordinance and notice of its adoption published in a newspaper having a general circulation in the City of College Park and available at the City's offices. This Ordinance shall become effective on _____, 2014, provided that a fair summary of this Ordinance is published at least once prior to the date of passage and once as soon as practical after the date of passage in a newspaper having general circulation in the City.

INTRODUCED by the Mayor and Council of the City of College Park, Maryland at a regular meeting on the _____ day of _____, 2014.

ADOPTED by the Mayor and Council of the City of College Park, Maryland at a regular meeting on the _____ day of _____, 2014.

EFFECTIVE the _____ day of _____, 2014.

ATTEST:

CITY OF COLLEGE PARK

By: _____
Janeen S. Miller, CMC, City Clerk

By: _____
Andrew M. Fellows, Mayor

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:**

Suellen M. Ferguson, City Attorney